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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance, included in the Notice of Allowability dated November 18, 2008 is phrased in terms of the afterloading apparatus combination invention recited in claim 22.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-21, which are directed to the subcombination invention of a sensing device for use with an afterloading apparatus, are allowable as a subcombination. In other words, subcombination claims 1-21 are allowable as a subcombination, as well as in combination with an afterloading apparatus (as recited in claim 22).

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